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Mr. Russel Neiss
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DEPT MR 79048
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Re: Access to Public Records Act ("APRA") Request – Police Reports, Investigative Reports, and Narratives Related to August 14, 2019 Protest

Dear Mr. Neiss:

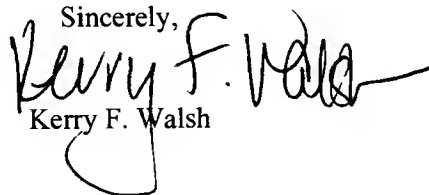
I write in further response to your Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act request (APRA) dated and received August 16, 2019 in which you seek the following information and documents:

1. Copies of any incident reports, logbook entry copies, background support documentation, witness statements, use of force reports, investigation materials or related correspondence drafted on August 14, 2019 or August 15, 2019 relating to the widely reported protest at the Wyatt Detention Facility on the evening of Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §38-2-2(4)(D), "[a]ll records maintained by law enforcement agencies for criminal law enforcement and all records relating to the detection and investigation of crime, including those maintained on any individual or compiled in the course of a criminal investigation by any law enforcement agency" are not considered public records and therefore, are not subject to inspection under the requirements of APRA.

Your APRA request seeks information that is currently under investigation by the Facility, as well as the Rhode Island State Police and the Rhode Island Attorney General. Accordingly, your request for such information is denied pursuant to R.I. G.L. §38-2-2(4)(D).

You may appeal this decision in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 38-2-8.

Sincerely,

Kerry F. Walsh

cc: Daniel Martin